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SUBJECT: SATAWAL-OKINAWA CANOE TRIP

REF: STATUS LNO 262 (HICOMTERPACIS 120456Z SEP)

1. FOLLOWING RECEIPT REFTEL EMBOFF EXPLAINED MICRONESIAN DOUBTS ABOUT PROJECT TO SHAKU OF JAPAN-YAP FRIENDSHIP ASSOCIATION, CONCLUDING THAT WITHOUT FIRM ASSURANCES FROM OCEAN EXPO THAT IT GUARANTEES WELFARE OF SATAWALESE VOYAGERS, AUTHORITIES WOULD NOT PERMIT TRIP. ON SEL LTOER 18 DIRECTOR SUGA OF JAPAN-YAP ASSOCIATION RPPFXGHT SHOTARO ANDO, PRODUCER OF EXPO'S GOJ OCEANIC CULTURE PAVILION (WHERE SATAWALESE WOULD BE FETED SHOULD VOYAGE TAKE PLACE) TO MEET EMBOFF. ANDO STATED THAT JAPAN-YAP ASSOCIATION HAS COMLETED ARRANGEMENTS FOR VOYAGE, STAY OF SATAWALESE AT EXPO SITE, SUBSEQUENT TOURISM IN JAPAN, AND THEIR RETURN TO SATAWAL, TO COMPLETE SATISFACTION OF EXPO STAFF. OCEAN EXPO IS A QUASI-GOVERNMENTAL BODY IN WHICH THE PRESTIGE OF THE UNCLASSIFIED

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GOJ IS, OF COURSE, FULLY ENGAGED. IT IS PROHIBITED

BY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FROM FUNDING VISITS BY FOREIGN NATIONS, AND HENCE ANDO COULD NOT, HE SAID, GIVE EMBOFF A WRITTEN GUARANTEE AGAINST MISHAPS DUE TO LACK OF FUNDS, ETC. HE GAVE EMBOFF, HOWEVER, VERBAL ASSURANCE THAT EXPO ACCEPTED ULTIMATE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE WELFARE OF THE SATAWALESE AND ONCE THEY HAVE ARRIVED IN JAPAN, EXPO WOULD NOT HESITATE TO EXTEND ANY NECESSARY ASSISTANCE TO JAPAN-YAP ASSOCIATION TO ENSURE SUCCESS OF PROJECT.

2. EMBOFF HAS ADDITIONALLY RECEIVED A LETTER SIGNED BY SHAKU UNDER SEAL OF JAPAN-YAP ASSOCIATION THAT IT HAS RAISED ALL NECESSARY FUNDS, INCLUDING EXPENSES OF THE SATAWALESE WHILE IN JAPAN, AND INSURANCE. LETTER FURTHER STATES THAT ESCORT VESSEL FUJIYAMA MARU IS NOW AT GUAM WAITING FOR PERMISSION TO PROCEED TO SATAWAL. IT OFFERS TO HAVE RYUTARO KADOTA, JAPAN-YAP ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE ON YACHT, GO TO SAIPAN IF INFORMATION HE CAN PROVIDE WILL ASSIST TTPI IN REACHING FAVORABLE DECISION. FINALLY, LETTER ASKS THAT, IF PROJECT APPROVED, SATAWALESE MAY OBTAIN PASSPORTS AT YAP VICE SAIPAN SINCE SOUTHERLY ROUTE TO OKINAWA LESS LIKELY TO MEET UNFAVORABLE WEATHER.

3. EMBASSY CONCLUDES ON BASIS OF TALKS WITH SHAKU, SUGA, ANDO ET AL. THAT SAFETY AND WELFARE OF SATAWALESE HAS BEEN WELL PROVIDED FOR, AND IN PARTICULAR THAT DOUBTS REGARDING FUNDING HAVE BEEN RESOLVED. WE VIEW PROJECT AS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR TTPI TO GAIN FAVORABLE PUBLICITY HERE.  
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